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Libyan-U.S. Clash

Al-Qadhdhafi Remarks in Ethiopia--Libyan leader Col Mu'ammar Al-Qadhdhafi, as reported by JANA, told a 21 August news conference in Addis Ababa that the U.S. 6th Fleet had "openly and officially carried out a campaign of invasion" against Libya. Al-Qadhdhafi admitted that two Libyan planes were shot down in the air battle over the Gulf of Sidra, but reiterated Libya's claim to have shot down a U.S. F-14 Tomcat. Although the two Libyan Sukhois were not suitable for fighting air targets, Al-Qadhdhafi said, they nevertheless "chased and shot down" an F-14 that had entered Libyan airspace, but were then themselves downed by eight aircraft from the Nimitz. The Libyan leader also said the debris of the downed F-14 was moved to Misrata port and has been shown on Libyan television. He affirmed that the Gulf of Sidra is "an indivisible part" of Libyan territory and that the Libyan people are prepared to defend it "even if it means a bilateral war between us and the United States, or even a third world war." Claiming that a castastrophe could occur if the United States were again to "play with fire" in the Gulf of Sidra, Al-Qadhdhafi warned that if NATO became involved in the dispute, Libya would look to its "allies and friends in the world."

In remarks to a mass rally in Addis Ababa on 22 August, broadcast by Tripoli radio, Al-Qadhdhafi characterized the U.S. claim that it acted in the Gulf of Sidra to uphold the freedom of navigation in international waters as false. He said the U.S. action was an expression of U.S. hostility toward the freedom of peoples. Colonel al-Qadhdhafi said President Ronald Reagan is acting in international politics "just as he was acting on the stage." The Libyan leader also emphasized the need for the peoples of Somalia, Sudan and Egypt to "catch up with" the Libyan-Ethiopian-PDRY axis by triumphing over their rulers.

Libyan-Ethiopian Communique--JANA transmitted the text of a joint Libyan-Ethiopian communique issued at the end of Al-Qadhdhafi's 3-day visit to Ethiopia. It denounced the U.S. "conspiracies" aimed at the "physical liquidation of revolutionary leaders," condemning in particular "the conspiracy which was recently exposed and hatched by U.S. imperialism to assassinate... Col Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi." The communique also condemned U.S. military maneuvers "in Libyan territorial waters or skies," as well as the downing of two Libyan aircraft. It scored Egypt and Sudan for granting bases and facilities to the United States and accused the Reagan administration of seeking to undermine international detente.

Gulf, OAU Denunciations--KUNA reported on 22 August that Gulf Cooperation Council Secretary General 'Abdallah Bisharah condemned the U.S. "act of piracy" against the Libyans, describing it as a "political decision and political aggression." He accused the United States of promoting "the policy of cowboys." KUNA also reported that Kuwait has denounced U.S. "aggression" in the Gulf of Sidra. It cited Public Health Minister Dr 'Abd ar-Rahman al-'Awadi as saying that Kuwait stands by any Arab country against whom aggression has been committed. AFP reported that the Organization for African Unity has vigorously condemned the downing of the Libyan aircraft, describing the action as a "provocative act of undeclared war" and a "wanton act of aggression."

'Arafat Solidarity Speech--In a speech broadcast by the clandestine Voice of Palestine radio, PLO Executive Chairman Yasir 'Arafat told a 21 August Beirut rally held in solidarity with Libya that the Palestinians are ready to assist Libya against aggression. Although the Palestinian-Lebanese joint forces are few in number, he said, they are ready to dispatch as many soldiers as Al-Qadhdhafi wants to fight alongside the Libyans. He also warned that the Israelis are preparing a strike in two directions: One against the joint forces and another against the Syrians. Speaking of a U.S.-Israeli "conspiracy" against the Arab nation, 'Arafat said the aim of the U.S. pressure on the Libyans is to stop them from supplying the Palestinians with arms and equipment.

As-Sadat Condemns Libyan Leader--MENA reported that in a statement to the weekly newspaper MAY, President Anwar as-Sadat said Colonel al-Qadhdhafi was responsible for the incident over the Gulf of Sidra. He said the Libyan leader deserves to be executed for this "foolish act" in which heavy and unwieldy Sukhois took on U.S. planes.

Al-Qadhdhafi Tour

Colonel al-Qadhdhafi left Ethiopia on 23 August, JANA reported, and flew to the UAE where he was welcomed by President Shaykh Zayid Ibn Sultan al Nuhayyan. According to KUNA, Al-Qadhdhafi had postponed his visit to Abu Dhabi by 1 day. Riyadh television reported that Saudi King Khalid ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz sent a message of good wishes to Al-Qadhdhafi in response to a similar message sent by the Libyan leader as he overflew Saudi Arabia on 23 August en route to the UAE.

Libyan-Syrian Relations

Tripoli's Voice of the Arab Homeland radio reported that a Syrian military delegation arrived in Tripoli and held talks over the weekend with a Libyan delegation headed by Armed Forces Commander Brig Abu Bakr Yunis Jabir. Armed Forces General Staff Chief Maj Gen Hikmat ash-Shihabi headed the Syrian delegation.

Iran

Executions, Arrests, Assassinations--Tehran radio reported on 23 August that five prominent Mojahedin-e Khalq members were executed in Tehran and that three more oppositionists were sentenced to death in Estahbanat for their part in the attempted assassination of two clergymen. Earlier, AFP reported that the authorities executed 23 oppositionists, many of them Mojahedin-e Khalq members, between 20 and 22 August. Tehran radio reported on 23 August that the authorities in Tabriz have carried out a major roundup of oppositionists, arresting 460 people in the last few days. Among those arrested were 250 Mojahedin, 50 Feda'iyan-e Khalq supporters, 60 Peykaris and a number of other supporters of "counterrevolutionary minigroups," including Kurdish separatists and supporters of Ayatollah Shari'atmadari. According to other reports by the radio, revolution guards arrested 40 opponents of the regime, many of them Mojahedin, in recent house-to-house searches and clashes in Tehran, Shiraz, Dowlatabad, Zanjan and other areas. Six leftists were killed in the various clashes. Ahvaz radio said five Mojahedin were arrested in Khuzestan. According to AFP, Gen Amir Bahmad Bagheri, Iran's air force commander during Abolhasan Bani-Sadr's tenure as president, will soon stand trial for attempting to flee the country. AFP also reported that a revolution court official was assassinated in Tehran on 20 August, and Shiraz radio reported that the Islamic Republican Party director in Gach Saran was wounded by assassins the same day. Tehran radio reported that the Astara religious judge's representative was assassinated on 23 August.

Osra Bani-Sadr Joins Exiles--AFP reported that Osra Bani-Sadr, wife of former President Bani-Sadr, arrived in Paris on a regular flight from Karachi on 22 August. Accompanied by her son, she said she had left Iran because of fears for his safety.

Saudi Arabia

AFP reported that on 21 August, at the end of the 4-day OPEC conference in Geneva, Saudi Petroleum and Mineral Affairs Minister Shaykh Ahmad Zaki Yamani said that his country is to reduce its oil production by a million barrels per day starting in September and that it will continue to sell its crude oil at $32 per barrel. Yamani also said Saudi Arabia will ask the upcoming OPEC conference, scheduled for December in Abu Dhabi, to agree on a price of $32 per barrel. He added that in order to eliminate the current world market oil glut, the price of oil should come down to $28. In an interview carried

by Riyadh Radio, Saudi Acting Petroleum and Mineral Affairs Minister Shaykh Muhammad Mas'ud confirmed that Saudi Arabia plans to reduce production by a million barrels per day. In remarks on the Saudi stand at the OPEC conference, Mas'ud stated that there are economic reasons for lowering the price of oil to $28 and, therefore, any increase should not set the price above $34.

Lebanon

Voice of Lebanon radio reported that Israeli planes overflying the Sannin heights on 21 August drew Syrian missile fire. However, monitored Israeli and Syrian media and clandestine Voice of Palestine radio broadcasts have not been observed tp report the incident. Voice of Palestine reported that Israeli planes overflying Beirut on 23 August were met by antiaircraft fire from Lebanese-Palestinian forces. According to the Voice of Lebanon, a Syrian SAM missile battery, which had been installed near the Dayr Zannun Road in the Al-Biqa' Valley, was moved toward Syrian territory on 21 August.

Meanwhile, the Voice of Lebanon also reported that on the morning of 23 August six Syrian soldiers were killed and nine others wounded by an explosion that occurred while they were investigating the scene of a previous explosion in the town of Shtawrah. The radio added that a telephone caller claimed that an organization called the "Sryian Liberartion Army" was responsible for the incident.

Sniper and artillery fire across the Beirut contact lines continued intermittently over the weekend. According to Beirut radio, 3 persons died and 40 were wounded as a result of artillery fire on the night of 21 August.

Israel

The Jerusalem POST reported on 23 August that during his forthcoming meeting with President as-Sadat, Prime Minister Menahem Begin will propose that Israel abolish the Military Government in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in exchange for Egyptian acceptance of an autonomy scheme for the occupied territories "more in line with Israelis interpretation rather than As-Sadat's." Meanwhile, the Voice of Palestine reported that Israeli occupation forces have launched a widespread campaign of arrests, detaining scores of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and 77 others in the West Bank.

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BAKHTAR VIEWS BROADENING 'CONSPIRACY' AGAINST DRA

LD230633 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0430 GMT 23 Aug 81

[BAKHTAR commentary]

[Text] Kabul, 22 Aug (BAKHTAR)--Numerous materials in the world mass media give evidence that the imperialist forces headed by the United States broaden the frames of conspiracy against the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. As the journal INDIA TO-DAY, printed in New Delhi, notes, a massive flow of arms is being directed to Pakistan. These arms are being brought by planes under different identification marks. Weapons, ammunition and equipment are being distributed among the mercenaries and representatives of Afghani emigres, who are then transported to the territory of Afghanistan for accomplishing their dirty deeds.

All that is, of course, no news. The facts of shameless intrusion by Washington and its accomplices from Beijing, Karachi and Cairo in the internal affairs of Afghanistan are no secret. As far back as in March this year the USA President Ronald Reagan declared publicly his intention to widen the scope of arm deliveries to the counterrevolutionary thugs. The Egyptian ruler not only took upon himself the supply of weapons to the Afghani rebels and established on the Egyptian territory the military camps for combat training of the brigand military units, but organised the so-called "League of Arab and Islamic Peoples," in the leadership of which he inserted the Afghani renegade Haroun from the "holy" family of Mojaddedi.

There is no need to unmask the shameful part played by the Pakistani military junta in waging the undeclared war against Afghanistan: namely that this body willingly placed the Pakistani soil at the disposal of the bands performing the criminal actions against the peaceful population of the neighboring sovereign state. This junta plays an unbecoming role of distributor of the American, Chinese and Egyptian weapons amongst the counter-revolutionary scum. It would not be out of place to note the hypocritical positions of the "custodians of the holy place," Saudi rulers, who without much publicity finance the sabotage activities of the many-faced reaction against Afghanistan.

Where does the explanation of the sharp activation of the anti-Afghan conspiracy, of the timing of boosting aggression against DRA lie? Seemingly, it must be explained by the bare fact that the plans of imperialism and regional reaction to suffocate and stifle the April Revolution are so far from being accomplished as they were when being devised.

The provocative and hostile actions of the official Washington and its lackeys regarding Afghanistan are the direct reflection of the growth of aggressiveness as a whole by which the political course of the Reagan Administration is progressively characterised in many a region of the world. It's clearly distinct in the Indian Ocean, where the island Diego Garcia is being rapidly developed into a bulwark of aggression against the countries and peoples of the whole region; in the Mediterranean Sea, which the Pentagon is evidently considering its "inner lake"; and in the Middle East, where Israel, with Washington's blessing, took on herself the status of a gendarme, armed with an American truncheon. Under these conditions the undeniable failure of the plans of imperialism and reaction to turn Afghanistan into their puppet state generates a violent fury in the USA, pushes Washington and its allies to activization of conspiratorial acts against the heroic people of Afghanistan.

These acts are being tried in vain. We have chosen the way of our development by the elimination of the decayed feudal system, Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA CC, president of the Revolutionary Council and president of the Presidium of the Revolutionary Council declared at the meeting of the party activists of the armed forces recently. This is the path of the construction of a new and just society. No power in the world, no conspiracy and no plot of imperialism and hegemonism, no slander and propaganda of imperialism can derail us from this path.

Those who blow out of all proportions the notorious "Afghan question," who step up the provocations against the free Afghanistan, should remember that the people of Afghanistan have chosen their revolutionary way and are proceeding forward on the way to build a new society. Imperialism, hegemonism and reaction have lost their stakes in the heroic Afghanistan.

MINISTERS BRIEF FOREIGN JOURNALISTS 22 AUG

LD230724 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0445 GMT 23 Aug 81

[Text] Kabul, 22 Aug (BAKHTAR)--Abdol Majid Sarboland, deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers and minister of information and culture, met with the foreign journalists in his office at the headquarters of the Council of Ministers and answered their questions in a friendly and cordial atmosphere.

Majid Sarboland gave detailed information regarding the rebuff of the poisonous and baseless propaganda of imperialist and reactionary circles against revolutionary Afghanistan.

According to another report, Shah Mohammad Dost, minister of foreign affairs, also met the foreign journalists in his office and answered their questions all-sidedly on the foreign policy of the DRA.

The foreign journalists who are presently visiting Afghanistan are from the Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, India, Sri Lanka and Lebanon.

The visiting journalists also paid a visit to BAKHTAR news agency and Democratic Organization of Afghanistan Women [DOAW]. Visiting DOAW, the visiting journalists received detailed information on the struggle of Afghanistan's women and their active role in the task of the defence of revolution.

PEACE GROUP PROTESTS VIOLATION OF LIBYAN AIRSPACE

LD231644 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1430 GMT 23 Aug 81

[Statement by the Afghan Peace, Solidarity and Friendship Organization]

[Text] In a united voice of indignation with all peace-loving countries and with the friends of Libya, the Afghan Peace, Solidarity and Friendship Organization firmly condemns the aggressive terrorist act of violation of Libyan airspace by U.S. imperialism--an act which is open violation of international law.

This aggressive act of U.S. imperialism demonstrates the policy of that country's ruling circles to aggravate the situations in Asia and in the region. This shameful aggression against the independent country of Libya, and the organized aggression by U.S. imperialism against revolutionary Afghanistan, are both the [word indistinct] of imperialist aggressive policy, which not only threatens peace in these two countries, but also (?threatens peace) in the world.

Expressing deep hatred and indignation at this aggressive militarist act of U.S. imperialism, we express our deep solidarity with the people of Libya against the common enemy of all peace-loving and Muslim people of the world--U.S. imperialism.

[Signed] The leadership of the Afghan Peace, Solidarity and Friendship Organization

LIBYAN ENVOY DENOUNCES U.S. 'CONSPIRACY'

LD231830 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 23 Aug 81

[Text] The Bureau of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah in Kabul today exposed at a press conference the inhuman activities and savage crimes of U.S. imperialism against the Arab countries and said that the raid by U.S. planes on Libyan planes was an open violation of Libyan territory.

The secretary of the Libyan Bureau in Kabul shed light on the warmongering and aggressive policies of U.S. imperialism unleashed against the Arab countries, and said: After the September revolution in Libya, U.S. imperialism waged a broad conspiracy against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah and made terrorist and criminal plans to eliminate Libyan leaders and revolutionary public figures.

At this press conference he read the statement of the Libyan Foreign Relations Bureau dated 19 August and the military statement of his country regarding the violation by U.S. F-14 fighter planes of Libyan air space. The statement says: This action by the U.S. in this particular region is in contradiction to the statement by Libya of 9 October 1973, which states that the Gulf of Sidra, which is surrounded on the east, south and west by Libyan soil, is an inseparable part of the territory of Libya and that from that date onward it is under the full sovereignty of Libya and is considered as internal waters--having a link with the territory of the country with full national and legal sovereignty. The statement of 9 October 1973 by Libya was communicated to all countries and international organizations.

This action by the United States is a violation of and interference in the national sovereignty of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah and endangers world peace, and is against the principles and [word indistinct] of the United Nations. The Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah reserves the right to take action to safeguard its legitimate rights in its sea and air territories.

The correspondents of newspapers and other publications, radio and television of the DRA and some press attaches of embassies in Kabul participated in this press conference. They raised questions on the subject which were answered by the representatives of the Libyan bureau in Kabul.

5-YEAR DIPLOMATIC ACCORD SIGNED WITH SRV

OW211639 Hanoi VNA in English 1609 GMT 21 Aug 81

[Text] Hanoi, 21 Aug (VNA)--An agreement on further cooperation between the Vietnamese and Afghan Foreign Ministries in the five years ending 1985 was signed in Kabul at the end of an official friendship visit by a delegation of the Vietnamese Foreign Ministry led by Vice Minister Vo Dong Giang to the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan from August 16-19 at the invitation of the Afghan Foreign Ministry.

Vo Dong Giang was cordially received by Babrak Karmal, general-secretary of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and chairman of the Revolutionary Council; and Soltan Ali Keshtmand, chairman of the Council of Ministers of Afghanistan.

The Vietnamese delegation held talks with a delegation of the Afghan Foreign Ministry led by Minister Shah Mohammad Dost. The talks took place in an atmosphere of fraternal friendship. The two sides reached identity of views on problems raised and expressed the determination of the peoples and governments of the two countries to strengthen their solidarity and mutual support in the common struggle against U.S. imperialism in collusion with Beijing expansionism and other international reactionary forces, for the national independence and sovereignty of their respective countries, and in the interests of peace and security in Asia and elsewhere in the world.

VARIOUS PRESS REACTION TO U.S.-LIBYA CLASH

BK211708 Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English 1500 GMT 21 Aug 81

[From the Press Review]

[Text] The TIMES OF INDIA in its editorial writes that the Reagan administration has in cooperation with President as-Sadat decided to put the squeeze on Libya's President al-Qadhdhafi. It is not possible at this stage to say how far it will go in its bid to undermine his position. The U.S. Government has criticised Colonel al-Qadhdhafi for his support to "terrorist" organisations; purchase of Soviet military hardware worth billions of dollars; his military intervention in Chad and his alleged ambitions in west Asia and Africa. President Reagan regards him as his enemy and is not averse to cutting him down to size.

The INDIAN EXPRESS in its editorial captioned "Adventurist Course" writes that the shooting down of two Libyan fighter planes by U.S. F-14's from the aircraft carrier Nimitz will be hailed as another demonstration of American might. But the world at large will see this event in another light. It will be viewed as a highhanded act by a big power against a small country--a flagrant example of the arrogance of military might. Another question is why the Americans had to conduct their war games so near the Libyan coast and in such an ostentatious manner and why was it timed to coincide with Egyptian military exercises on the land near the Libyan border. Evidently, the idea was to provoke the Libyan leader. If one superpower can resort to this and get away with it, the other one might also be tempted to try at the same game. It is a pity that Washington has so soon forgotten the lesson of Vietnam--the limitation of military power in a changed world. The PATRIOT, in its editorial "Reagan Shoots," writes that a week before the incident, a well-known American news magazine said that after minutes of debating how to neutralise Al-Qadhdhafi, the Reagan administration this week will offer its first direct challenge to the Libyan strongman. As regards the Libyan claim, Senator Larry Pressler told reporters that twice in the past two years the United States had recognized the area at least informally as being Libyan waters. Reagan has taught a lesson to Libya and is preparing to punish other recalcitrant countries so that they recognize American might and join Washington in its fight against Moscow and learn to curb their urge for unfettered economic and social advance.

RAO HOLDS TALKS WITH FRANCE'S CHEYSSON 23 AUG

BK231613 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 23 Aug 81

[Text] India and France have agreed that a solution to world problems can be found only through a political approach and not the military alternative. External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao and French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson, who held wide-ranging talks in New Delhi today, were of the view that no precondition can help solve the Afghan and the Iran-Iraq problems. The foreign ministers exchanged views on international economic issues in the context of the recent Ottawa summit of the developed countries and the Cancun meeting of foreign ministers. They agreed that such informal exercises outside the purview of the United Nations are helpful.

During the exchange of views, Rao said India attaches great importance to expanding relations with France and is hopeful of its cooperation on important and criticial world issues.

The French foreign minister explained the rationale of the new French policies under President Mitterrand. He stressed that the new government in France will work to bring about a qualitative change in the world economic and political situation. Cheysson said although France is not a member of the nonaligned or the Group of 77, it recognizes their importance and supports the need for solidarity among the Group of 77 nations to promote world peace and stability.

The two foreign ministers agreed that over and above the efforts to have a fruitful North-South dialogue, stress should be laid on an effective dialogue to develop self-reliance and cooperation among the developing countries. They also exchanged views on the situation in Southeast Asia, west Asia, southern Africa, Namibia and other important international issues.

Cheysson, who will call on the prime minister tomorrow, referred to the invitation from President Mitterrand to Mrs Gandhi for a visit to France. The two foreign ministers felt that in view of the growing relations between the two countries, the scheduled visit of Mrs Gandhi to France later this year should be a landmark in Indo-French relations.

The All India Radio correspondent reports that the two foreign ministers had two rounds of talks.

Earlier in the day, Cheysson visited Rajghat and laid a wreath on the samadhi of Mahatma Gandhi.

Cheysson Meets Reddy, Gandhi

BK240902 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 24 Aug 81

[Text] Visiting French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson today called on President Sanjiva Reddy at Rashtrapati Bhavan [presidential residence]. The meeting lasted about 30 minutes. Cheysson gave Reddy the French assessment to the current international situation. Matters relating to strengthening of bilateral ties also came up for discussion.

The French minister also called on Prime Minister Mrs Gandhi. He handed over a message from French President Mitterrand inviting Mrs Gandhi to visit his country.

SOVIET OFFICIAL SCORES U.S. ARMS TO PAKISTAN

BK231634 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 23 Aug 81

[Text] Soviet Vice President B. Yazkuliyev has accused the United States of escalating war efforts by arming Pakistan and stationing atomic weapons in the Indian Ocean. He was speaking at a village near Bhatinda in Punjab today. Yazkuliyev also referred to the U.S. decision to manufacture the neutron bomb and set up bases in the Indian Ocean and the west Asian region. He said these are the pointers to the growing danger of a war.

About the Indo-Soviet friendship treaty, he said it is not against any country. It is beneficial for peace, progress and economic and technological developments of the two countries.

Vice Chairman of the Soviet Union Friendship Peace Society (Laliyev) said his country is always prepared to help India against any threat or danger to its security. He said it is for India and the Soviet Union to decide what type of aid they should give to each other.

HAQ CONFERS WITH ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARY GENERAL

GF221737 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 22 Aug 81

[Text] Chedli Klibi, the Arab League secretary general, who has paid a visit to Pakistan, today met with S. Shahnawas, the secretary general of the Pakistani Foreign Affairs Ministry, and held formal talks with him. Senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs attended the meeting. The talks, which lasted 2 and 1/2 hours, focused on the Middle East situation. The recent proposals made by Prince Fahd for solving the Middle East crisis as well as the general affairs of the area were also discussed.

Chedli Klibi met with President Ziaul Haq this evening. During their meeting which lasted over an hour, the president reiterated Pakistan's unfaltering and principled support for the Arab world.

Addressing the press before leaving Karachi for Tunis, Chedli Klibi said that during his meeting with the president, he discussed the many problems facing the Arab and Islamic worlds. The problems of the Middle East and Palestine also came under review, he said.

During his talks with Pakistani officials, Klibi said that he found unanimity of views with them on a number of issues of mutual interest. When asked if during these talks the incident between Libya and the United States was discussed, he replied that this incident was not discussed. He added, however, that at this juncture their [the Arab League] aim should be to eradicate the adverse effects of the incident and reduce tension in the area.

Before arriving in Islamabad, the Arab League secretary general said that his upcoming talks with Pakistani officials will further strengthen the already existing good relations between Pakistan and the Arab countries. He added that Pakistan has always adopted the right attitude toward the Arab cause. He also said that his talks in Islamabad will be very important and useful.

USSR'S FIRYUBIN DELEGATION BEGIN VISIT 24 AUG

BK240641 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0600 GMT 24 Aug 81

[Text] Nikolay Firyubin, Soviet deputy foreign minister, arrived in Karachi a short while ago on an official visit to Pakistan. He is accompanied by a four-member delegation.

Mr Firyubin will leave Karachi for Islamabad this afternoon.

BORDER TRADE AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH CHINA

BK241054 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 24 Aug 81

[Text] A border trade agreement has been signed between Pakistan and China in Gilgit. Under the agreement, Pakistan will supply various kinds of goods to China which include nylon cloth, leather and leather goods, shoes, towels, dry fruits and herbs. China will supply Pakistan with tools, crockery, silk cloth and a variety of cotton textiles.

The leader of the Chinese delegation told Radio Pakistan's Gilgit representative that he was very happy about the successful negotiations on the agreement. The delegation later left for China.

MUSAVI COMMENTS ON ALLEGED ARMS DEAL WITH ISRAEL

LD221932 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 22 Aug 81

[Excerpt] Dear listeners: As you are aware, U.S. imperialism and its puppet agents have been plotting against our revolution since its beginning. These plots have all been foiled through the active and vigilant presence of our people and with the help of God. Recently, following the proposal made by the Islamic Republic of Iran's Government regarding the formation of a unified Islamic front for the liberation of Jerusalem, which was welcomed by the PLO, once again imperialism and Zionism are terrified and, in order to neutralize and undermine this revolutionary and constructive proposal made by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, are resorting to another futile measure. Pierre Salinger, Kennedy's adviser and one of the theoreticians of imperialism, in an interview on one of the United States internal television networks, accused Iran of buying weapons from the occupying regime in Jerusalem. At the same time, Bani-Sadr, the main agent following the policies of the United States, also confirmed this. Thus, the imperialist propaganda machine is entering the arena using this propaganda to fight and neutralize Iran's proposal for the formation of a unified Islamic front to fight Zionism. We have interviewed Mr Musavi, the minister of foreign affairs and we invite you to listen to this interview.

[Begin recording] [Question] Mr Musavi, these days foreign networks, especially in the United States, discuss and stress the alleged sale of arms by Israel to Iran. What is the view held by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in this connection?

[Answer] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. This point has been used by the U.S. radio and television as a propaganda stunt before, but since yesterday this propaganda has been stepped up. That is, Pierre Salinger, the old friend of Kennedy and a famous and well-known personality in international Zionism, devoted a 1/2-hour program to this point and discussed the sale of arms by Israel to Iran on one of the popular U.S. television stations. Immediately, U.S. radio, television and press began to discuss this point and create the by-now-familiar atmosphere, interviewing different personalities, holding seminars, discussing the point in academic circles and interviewing people in the streets. It has become rather unusual. The title pages of newspapers and magazines and the mass media all deal with this issue which in itself shows that there is a huge and extended conspiracy being hatched against the Islamic revolution of Iran.

What has caused this propaganda campaign is highly questionable. In order to answer this question we should note that the greatest force available to us is the influence of the message of the Islamic revolution of the oppressed masses of the world and on Muslims believing in the Islamic revolution of Iran. If imperialism succeeds in severing the connection between our revolution and these masses and makes them cynical toward our revolution, naturally it will have dealt the greatest blow against us. We do not have a big arsenal. We do not possess great physical force. We do not have an expansive economy. The levers held by superpowers by which they achieve their objectives are not available to us. Instead, we have the most powerful level: the love of the oppressed masses of the world for our revolution and the influence of the message of Islam all over the world. If, under the present circumstances, it is said that Iran buys arms from Israel and has relations with Israel, and this is reported on a large scale, naturally this will deal a crushing blow to our Islamic revolution and deprive us of our foreign policy's greatest level and our ability to export our revolution and send the message of the Islamic revolution to the world. It is precisely from this point that the enemy has started. What began yesterday on U.S. television--and we are sure that that will be followed by reactionary circles and those who believe in the dominance of force in the world, all over the world and especially in this region, by Iraq and other reactionary countries--is that in connection with the sale of arms and Iran's relations with Israel, we are faced with a chain of conspiracies. That is, certain incidents during the past 2 months are related to each other and follow a certain policy.

The first of these conspiracies was the sudden and unusual bombing of Iraq's nuclear reactors. It is now known how this bombing was done, with the cooperation of Saddam himself and other reactionary forces in the region. It was the greatest service to the Iraqi regime in its war against Iran, and we know how Iraq used this issue as a propaganda weapon all over the world. Immediately after this, the issue of Argentine planes rises and after a long time and lots of effort we found out how cowardly methods were employed to forge documents concerning Iran. PARS published an analysis of the situation. In this connection, those who had been bribed and the money paid out and other points like this were revealed. Immediately after this we come to the most recent issue. On the day when the proposal concerning the struggle against imperialism and Zionism is put forward and when the Palestinian ambassador approves the proposal on behalf of the PLO, we see the Voice of America suddenly discussing the closing down of the Palestinian Embassy by Iran. It can be guessed how this might effect our relations with the PLO by the time the truth of the matter is known. Fortunately this plot was foiled.

Parallel to the consolidation of the proposal to form an Islamic front and its predicted success, we saw that at this point this great conspiracy against our Islamic revolution was hatched and the issue was raised in the United States that Iran had bought arms from Israel and maintains relations with Israel and the like, and Pierre Salinger commented on this. What is interesting is that Mr Bani-Sadr took part in this interview and confirmed this allegation. This is most interesting for us because if Israel sold us arms in the past, then considering the fact that Mr Bani-Sadr was commander in chief at the time and that the sale of arms is one of the most secret activities of armies all over the world, if such a sale did take place it could not have happened without his permission. These are all points that reveal the roots of this conspiracy and show how widespread it is. We consider this conspiracy quite natural. We believe that all the faithful forces throughout the world who are interested in the Islamic revolution of Iran will foil this conspiracy.

As I mentioned at the beginning we do not have huge mass media as that at the disposal of the capitalists. We do not have the kind of money they have, we do not possess their military, political and economic dominance in the world. What we have is the power of people all over the world, the power of the oppressed masses who are interested in the Islamic revolution of Iran, and we are sure that with the current activities, if we succeed in divulging the facts and manage to send our message all over the world our messengers will act to foil this conspiracy and our country and its Islamic revolution will move toward its objectives and goals in a more concerted manner than before. We are sure that such conspiracies reveal the depths of the fear of imperialist and Zionist circles of our revolution. [end recording]

RAFSANJANI DISCUSSES OPEC MEETING, HIJACKING

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[Excerpts] Unifying and enemy-breaking ceremonies were held during Friday prayers at Tehran University today under the imamate of Hojjat ol-Eslam val-Moslemin 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani, the temporary Friday imam.

In his sermon, Hojjat ol-Eslam Hashemi-Rafsanjani referred to the incident at the Gowhar-Shad Mosque in Mashhad when the mosque was shelled by Reza Shah.

He also discussed the current issue in the Islamic world, the OPEC conference, and said: Unfortunately, reports indicate that Saudi Arabia is being obtructionist and is sacrificing the interests of the deprived and oppressed people of the Middle East for America. Oil-rich countries were going to adopt a single policy against the colonialists, but so far, as the reports indicate, Saudi Arabia did not agree with the price proposed by other OPEC representatives.

Revolutionary countries are demanding a reduction in oil exports and an increase in its price, but Saudi Arabia, contrary to Muslim interests, and in order to help imperialism, is insisting on a policy to increase its exports and reduce the price of oil. I, as a Muslim, am ashamed to see that Muslims' qiblah [Mecca] is in the hands of such authorities who adopt such attitudes toward Muslim interests and, in order to safeguard the interests of the West, turn their backs on the deprived.

The temporary Friday imam of Tehran, in another part of his prayer sermon, commented on the issue of piracy and said:

[Begin Rafsanjani recording] The issue is the hijacking of our missile boat. Of course, the issue is over to some extent, but it is a deep-rooted affair and we must deal with this problem further. We rightly seized a Danish ship in the Persian Gulf which had violated our waters and was carrying weapons for Saddam to use against us. We unloaded the Iraqi weapons and released the ship. There was much harmful propaganda even in the Islamic countries against this justified action. Some so-called Muslim papers referred to us as pirates and accused us of violating international agreements, saying we have done this and that to the security of the Strait of Hormuz and other accusations.

But the same mercenary papers easily overlooked the incident when pirates, with the support of France and Morocco, hijacked our boat, took it away and violated all international regulations; and these newspapers later considered this incident to be a heroic act which delivered a blow to the Islamic Republic. What kind of filthy conscience is this? Who behaves like this in the world? What sort of judgment is this? A warring country is condemned for seizing a ship in its own territorial waters while pirates who commit such a crime with the support of unofficial pirates are granted political asylum by France--this so called supporter of human rights.

I am not yet certain whether France has granted them political asylum or not. The term is not important, France is supporting them anyway. What kind of discipline is this? And is this the meaning of respect for international regulations in the world today?

The same vultures accuse Iran of not respecting the principles of international law. And what didn't they accuse us of during the hostages' affair? Some individuals, such as the deposed and fugitive Bani-Sadr, also repeated similar phrases when they arrived in France. They repeat these things. These affairs are interrelated. All these affairs are connected to our present internal terrorism, which, thanks be to God, is disintegrating; they had all joined hands to add to the morale of counterrevolutionaries and make them happy at the price of sacrificing the happiness of our nation. But, thanks be to God, this nation is so strong that further bereavements add to its strength. And bereavements, hardships and jihad are making this nation more steadfast and stronger in its belief; this is what a revolutionary Muslim deserves. [end recording]

According to the Central News Unit, at the end of today's glorious Friday prayers in Tehran, the bodies of six martyrs of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, who gained the status of martyrdom during the discovery of the major coordinating headquarters of the hypocrites organization [Mojahedin-e Khalq] yesterday, were taken for burial amid the intense anger of the congregation who shouted slogans such as "Armed hypocrites must be executed."

[Tehran International Service in Arabic at 0804 GMT on 21 August carried a live broadcast of the Friday prayer proceedings in Persian with the announcer giving a simultaneous Arabic translation]

OIL MINISTER: OIL OUTPUT TO INCREASE AFTER WAR

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[Text] Tehran, 22 Aug (PARS)--Iranian Oil Minister Mohammad Gharazi, who attended the OPEC ministers conference in Geneva, said yesterday that Iran would not under any circumstances decrease its oil price. Gharazi who was commenting, in an interview with PARS, on the result of the conference, further added that Iran had the capacity to produce 8 million barrels of oil each day, if necessary. "However, I cannot disclose the exact figure of the present oil production due to issues pertaining to the war." He added that "as soon as the war ends, Iran will increase its oil production."

Asked to comment on the forthcoming OPEC meeting in Abu Dhabi, the oil minister said "Probably the same thing will happen in that conference as it did here. Today's gathering of OPEC in Geneva ended without reaching an agreement on the oil price. The events of the Geneva meeting showed that resistance would not cause isolation, but instead all the member countries would defend their own interests."

"With our revolution we increased the oil price from $12 per barrel to $36 and will secure this price for all the Third World countries," added Gharazi. He also said that Iran proposed in the Geneva meeting the formation of a common market for oil sale which would take charge of the task of just distribution of demand. He concluded by saying that "Iran defends the stand of Libya against the U.S. attacks" and "will rush to aid Libyans whenever necessary."

GHARAZI: DOMINATION OF U.S. DOLLAR MUST BE BROKEN

LD231940 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 23 Aug 81

[Excerpts] Oil Minister Gharazi has returned from the OPEC ministerial meeting in Geneva. He answered questions put to him by our correspondent on topics discussed at the OPEC meeting.

[Begin recording] [Question] The next scheduled meeting of OPEC is due to convene in Abu Dhabi in December, but the Indonesian oil minister has hinted there might be another session before that. Do you maintain any hope for settlement of the issue in the course of the next two meetings?

[Answer] It is not a question of hope, it is a question of approach. It is a question of discussing the producers' problem somewhere. No doubt this opportunity will come about one day. The market cannot withstand the present situation, nor can the producers act unilaterally, but there is ground for reaching a settlement.

[Question] How can a solution be found, in your opinion?

[Answer] This requires elaboration in detail. We believe the world's energy sources, as far as pricing is concerned, can be controlled. Oil's rivals include coal, gas, heavy oil and shale. It is possible to ascertain the prices of these and link them to international inflation, thus ascertaining the price of energy.

The reason behind the attitude of certain producers with a huge production is a scientific approach to the trend. They do not want to accept the concept of a relationship between production and price.

[Question] What can one do about this?

[Answer] We have to actively review the approaches of [word indistinct] from 1973 up to the present time. We believe whatever pressure you apply to a current, you cannot eliminate that current--when the price of your oil is frozen at between $8-12 for 5 years, but the Iranian revolution caused the price to reach $36 dollars, and between 1978-79 the freeze reached its maximum. [sentence as heard] Then suddenly, a solution was found to maintain the producers' interests.

We have to resist, and deal the maximum blow to the dollar's authority in the market. The oil market is controlled by the U.S. dollar. At a press conference in Italy, I said we have eased the pressure of the dollar on ourselves. If you do the same and refuse to accept the political impositions of the huge oil companies, then you will be able to use other currencies instead of the dollar. We can deal with and sell oil to those countries not under U.S. pressure and purchase from them the goods we require. We have to approach the market actively. So far, the market has been dominated by the dollar. This can be broken and can be changed. [end recording]

RAJA'I CHAIRS 21 AUG DEFENSE COUNCIL SESSION

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[Text] President Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i today presided over the meeting of the Supreme Defense Council, which was attended by Hashemi-Rafsanjani, the Majlis speaker; Bahonar, the prime minister; Brigadier General Fallahi, the acting chief of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces; Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, the imam's representative on the council and defense minister; Colonel Namju, the imam's representative on the council; Kolahduz, deputy commander of the revolution guards; Musavi, the foreign minister; and Kamal Gharazi, director of the War Publicity Staff.

The situation on the warfronts and the offensive operations of the Islamic forces were discussed at the meeting.

Raja'i on Meeting

LD212248 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 21 Aug 81

[Interview with President Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i following 21 August Supreme Defense Council session in Tehran--recorded]

[Text] [Question] Mr President, would you be kind enough to tell us of the topics discussed at tonight's session?

[Answer] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. The Supreme Defense Council usually discusses an agenda which includes the acting chief of the Joint Staff's report on the situation at the fronts. As I said once before, all the news being communicated during the week to the dear compatriots is examined very carefully in the council. We examine the positive and negative points and discuss them in detail.

We did not discuss any particular issue tonight, except that the revolution guards corps is planning to hold a war [anniversary] day. This was discussed and approved by the council, and I hope all our compatriots will participate in the events, which can be regarded as another step in countering Saddam's savage aggression and our compatriots' crushing and all-out defense. God willing, we will prove to history that under any circumstances we will have the necessary readiness.

[Question] We are informed that General Fallahi [acting chief of the Joint Staff of the armed forces] spent the past week at the fronts. Would you be kind enough to tell us of his impressions on the situation at the war fronts?

[Answer] Yes, he was satisfied that the decisions planned to be implemented on the fronts fortunately were implemented. For certain reasons I cannot elaborate on them--all I can say is that he was completely satisfied with the brothers on the fronts and behind the fronts. We too, would like to express our gratitude--the operations carried out by a revolutionary people deserve such gratitude.

I would like to point out that war anniversary week will take place from 19 through 25 September. The program relating to the anniversary will be revealed in detail by the guards corps.

RAJA'I, BAHONAR SPEAK AT 22 AUG CABINET MEETING

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[Text] The Cabinet met this morning. The session began with a reading of verses from the noble Koran.

According to Central News Unit report, the meeting, which lasted for more than 3 and 1/2 hours, was attended by President Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i and was chaired by Prime Minister Mohammad Javad Bahonar. The president informed members of the government about the country's current political issue--the victorious and self-sacrificing activities of the brother guards and the help of the revolutionary people of our homeland in discovering hypocrite organization [Mojahedin-e Khalq] safe houses, arresting its members and neutralizing their organized conspiracies directed at murdering people and destroying various places--and praised the spectacular and pride-creating successes of (?these) revolutionary and self-sacrificing children.

Prime Minister Mohammad Javad Bahonar criticized the French Government's support for the hijackers of the Iranian vessel Tabarzin, calling it an unfriendly act and against international convention. He reminded the members of the meeting of the insistence of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran that the pirates be extradited.

Then Foreign Minister Hoseyn Musavi submitted a report on the support of countries, organizations and progressive and anti-imperialist Muslim and Arab circles for a plan to create a united Muslim front, comprising a powerful and extensive spectrum throughout the Muslim world, to confront criminal imperialism and usurping Zionism. He reminded the meeting of the positive and promising effects of the plan.

Proposals made by the Ministries of Justice and Education and Training and by the Plan and Budget Organization were approved.

YAZDI ELECTED BY MAJLIS AS NEW DEPUTY SPEAKER

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[Text] In its open session today, the Majlis elected Mohammad Yazdi deputy speaker. Mohammad Yazdi will succeed Habibollah 'Asgar-Owladi, who has been appointed minister of commerce in Mohammad Javad Bahonar's new government.

KHOMEYNI RECEIVES BANK GOVERNOR, KERMAN DEPUTY

LD221246 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 22 Aug 81

[Text] According to a Central News Unit report, the governor of the Iranian Central Bank, Mr Mohsen Nurbakhsh, was received in audience by Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, this morning.

At the end of this audience, he commented on the issues raised in the presence of the imam. He said: A report was presented to the leader of the Iranian Islamic revolution pertaining to the Central Bank's current programs and I asked for the imam's guidance in connection with methods to encourage people to invest their savings in banks by offering bonuses to the savings. His eminence gave the necessary guidance.

He added: Another report was presented to the imam of the nation in connection with talks on the Algerian agreement.

The governor of the Iranian Central Bank added: The imam was also briefed on several matters, including the plan to cancel bank interest charges and to Islamicize banks within the time limit determined by the Islamic Consultative Assembly, questions faced by the research group and progress of the bank's affairs.

Mr Mohammad 'Ali Movahhedi-Kermani, deputy for Kerman at the Islamic Consultative Assembly, was also received in audience this morning by Imam Khomeyni. He presented a report to the imam of the nation on the situation in the earthquake-stricken region of Kerman and on conditions for the victims.

TEHRAN CITES GEORGE BALL SUPPORT FOR MOJAHEDIN

LD221358 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 22 Aug 81

[Text] In an article in the 20 August issue of the Washington POST that praises and supports the activities of the hypocrites [Mojahedin-e Khalq], George Ball, a former U.S. under secretary of state and high-ranking White House official, has asked American statesmen to increase their support for the Mojahedin-e Khalq, led by Mas'ud Rajavi.

His article says: The possibility of victory for the Mojahedin-e Khalq, a progressive socialist organization, is relatively high. American statesmen must consider giving this progressive socialist group more support.

According to a report by the Public Relations Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, George Ball recalled that the Mojahedin-e Khalq's goal is to overthrow the Islamic government in Iran and said: It is a diplomatic mistake to think that Moscow is able to overshadow the Mojahedin-e Khalq. Although the Mojahedin-e Khalq is very nationalist, it is not Marxist. It is a progressive socialist organization.

Announcing this news, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs added: It should be remembered that before the victory of the Islamic revolution, Jimmy Carter asked George Ball to return to the White House and give his views on Iran.

AFP: BANI-SADR'S WIFE, SON ARRIVE IN FRANCE

NC220735 Paris AFP in English 0714 GMT 22 Aug 81

[Text] Paris, 22 Aug (AFP)--Osra Bani-Sadr, wife of deposed Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, arrived here by air this morning and was given permission to join her husband who is in exile in France.

Mrs Bani-Sadr arrived at 6:30 a.m. (0430 GMT) with her eight-year-old son 'Ali on a regular Air France flight from Karachi without a visa.

She was met at the airport by her daughter Firuze, who was already living in France.

Mrs Bani-Sadr was briefly detained at the airport while immigration officials checked with the External Relations Ministry whether she could enter France, reliable sources said.

Mr Bani-Sadr was given permission to remain in France after he fled Iran late last month.

AFP: GUNBOAT HIJACKERS TO REMAIN IN FRANCE

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[Text] Paris, 21 Aug (AFP)--Iranian commandos who seized the Iran-bound gunboat Tabarzin and five crew members who also surrendered to French authorities will be allowed to stay in France as long as they observe the "good behaviour" expected of all foreigners in France, official sources said today.

The 27 Iranians were not given political asylum and will not face criminal charges in France arising from the seizure last week of the French-built gunboat, one of three being delivered to Iran.

In accordance with normal conditions governing foreign nationals resident in France, the Iranians will not be kept under special surveillance, the sources said.

They have been cautioned against making militant political statements.

A spokesman for the Iranian antigovernment group Azadegan, whose members belong to the commando unit, said the commandos were dispersed today in towns around Paris after spending part of the night at [word indistinct] headquarters in the French capital. Heavily armed police wearing bullet-proof vests were guarding the building, Azadegan said.

The leader of the Iranian commandos, Amal Habibollahi was soon to give a news conference, the spokesman said.

TEHRAN SCORES FRENCH ACTIONS IN TABARZIN AFFAIR

GF221204 Tehran International Service in Turkish 1830 GMT 20 Aug 81

[Unattributed commentary: "The Commandeering of the Iranian Gunboat"]

[Text] The spreading of the Islamic revolution to the Third World countries has resulted in the [words indistinct] and horrified imperialism and leftwing forces. The strengthening of fraternal ties and cohesion within revolution fronts and the steps taken to achieve revolutionary targets are terrifying counterrevolutionary forces and the servants of imperialism in Iran. Naturally, this leads them to hatch more plots. Nevertheless, their intrigues and endeavors are fruitless and are becoming ridiculous.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has encountered numerous endeavors and plots. The most recent of these was the commandeering of the Iranian gunboat Tabarzin in Spanish waters by pirates. This hijacking incident was organized by royalists, feudalists and the fugitive counterrevolutionary generals of the shah. The pirates hid the gunboat they commandeered in one of the ports of the Kingdom of Morocco for a few days and later anchored off Toulon after refueling in the Moroccan port and being entertained by the officials of that country. The Islamic Republic of Iran demanded the extradition of the pirates from France and made it clear that, in the event France failed to extradite the pirates, it would cause the spreading of piracy in international waters throughout the world. Unfortunately, France would not comply with the Iranian demand, just as it has failed to do so in the case of Bani-Sadr and Mas'ud Rajavi.

The secretary general of the Elysee has stated that France will neither extradite the pirates nor permit them to leave France. Explaining the French stand, the official noted that the pirates had committed no crime under French law. Meanwhile, the French defense minister announced that insofar as France was concerned (?the hijackers of) Tabarzin could not be regarded as pirates.

That is very interesting indeed. An armed group commandeered an Iranian gunboat [words indistinct] and regardless of the laws of the Islamic Republic fled to France. Let alone (?not) regarding this affair as piracy, France went so far as to grant them asylum. [passage indistinct]

This is confirmation of the fact that the counterrevolutionaries in France (?are being regarded) as the legal government of Iran. Isn't it a fact that with the stand it has adopted against Iran France is actually confirming this view? When we take into consideration the statements issued by the last prime minister of the former shah's regime, Shapur Bakhtiar, the incident seems to be the result of interrelated developments.

Bakhtiar said in a statement that he upholds this act of piracy. Meanwhile, the Islamic people of Iran regard the incident as an international plot against Iran, organized with the cooperation of U.S. imperialism, France, [word indistinct] and their agents. This is why Seyyed Mohammad Kho'ini, the deputy speaker of the Islamic Majlis, said the following in a statement at a Majlis session: The state of Mitterrand and others like it are servants of the United States. Unless the Islamic revolution deals a blow to the arch-Satan, our (?destiny) will be to wage continuous struggle against imperialism. We have to deal such a blow to the United States that the cries of the Mitterrands and those like him will rise to the heavens.

U.S. imperialism has been horrified by the Islamic Republic's offer to form an Islamic front against (?invincible) imperialism. It is U.S. imperialism that has been endeavoring to prevent this with the help of its military aircraft and the support of its allies. It is U.S. imperialism that assaulted Libyan air and seaports and downed two of its aircraft. It is U.S. imperialism that ordered its servant, As-Sadat, to [word indistinct] on the borders between Libya and Egypt.

The world situation has changed. Imperialism is no longer able to pursue its adventurous policies. It will not find the opportunity to do so. The oppressed peoples of the world will destroy the chains of [words indistinct] in the very near future and eliminate every kind of colonialism, exploitation, [word indistinct] and cruelty from the face of the world.

DISSIDENT IRANIAN GENERAL INTERVIEWED IN PARIS

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[As-Salami al-Husni interview with General Kia, former member of the Iranian Armed Forces General Staff and "spokesman of General Aryana," in Paris "3 days after the capture of the Iranian gunboat"]

[Text] Somewhere in France at the headquarters of the "Iranian liberation forces" AD-DUSTUR met with General Kia, former member of the Iranian General Staff. The meeting took place 3 days after the capture of the Iranian gunboat for which the organization declared its responsibility. The meeting took place in a hall with walls hung with anti-Khomeyni slogans and pictures of General Aryana and Admiral Habibollahi. In fact, we exerted a great deal of effort before we could reach the headquarters of Azadegan, to which we were guided by an Iranian opposition personality.

General Kia is General Aryana's official spokesman and organizer of the capture of the gunboat. He insisted that we should not discuss any details that might jeopardize security. We had the following interview with him.

AD-DUSTUR: Can you tell us something about the Azadegan organization which declared its responsibility for hijacking the gunboat?

The general: It is a political and military organization that plans to overthrow Khomeyni's regime. The organization is controlled by General Bahram Aryana, who is now on the Iranian borders and trying to enter Iran in order to bring down Khomeyni's bloody regime.

AD-DUSTUR: Are the members of the organization only military personnel?

The general: We consider all Iranian Armed Forces personnel members of our organization because 99 percent of the Iranian forces, especially the cadres, still support General Aryana. As you are aware, we have issued orders to smuggle aircraft from Iran, including the aircraft that landed in Oman. This is in addition to the capture of the gunboat. We will carry out other military operations until Khomeyni's regime falls.

AD-DUSTUR: Have you any ties with Admiral Habibollahi?

The general: Like us, Admiral Habibollahi operates under General Aryana.

AD-DUSTUR: According to reports, the hijacked naval unit is now in Morocco.

The general: Not in Morocco but in the international zone.

AD-DUSTUR: Until when will it remain there?

The general: All the Iranian military units inside and outside Iran come under our command. We are in constant contact with the officers, NCO's and cadres. We are not planning a general uprising against Khomeyni's regime in order to help all Iranians, regardless of their affiliations and inclinations. The hijacked naval unit will remain the temporary headquarters of this uprising until Iran is liberated. When Khomeyni's regime falls, the army will take over power because there is great chaos in Iran which only the army can end.

AD-DUSTUR: What is the nature of your relations with Shapur Bakhtiar's movement?

The general: We have strong ties with it because we consider Shapur Bakhtiar the closest Iranian leader to General Aryana. In any case, all the opposition movements are at present cooperating and working together.

AD-DUSTUR: Including Bani-Sadr?

The general: No, Bani-Sadr is a criminal. As Dr Bakhtiar said, Bani-Sadr's hands are stained with the blood of Iranians and, together with Khomeyni, was responsible for the execution of Iranian Army officers and for killing children and old people and burying women alive. We can never collaborate with Bani-Sadr or any other person like him.

AD-DUSTUR: But Bani-Sadr says that he is now in the opposition.

The general: Let him say what he likes and stay in opposition forever; we will not shake hands with criminals because we are strugglers, not terrorists or criminals. Our objective is to save the country from catastrophes, not to kill children and bury women.

AD-DUSTUR: Do you believe that Bani-Sadr's alliance with the Mojahedin-e Khalq will continue?

The general: We respect the Mojahedin-e Khalq and Feda'iyan-e Khalq and others and have good relations with them, but we will never cooperate with Bani-Sadr. We believe that this alliance is temporary and will not last long.

AD-DUSTUR: Did you carry out armed operations inside Iran?

The general: Yes, there have been explosions and several instances of mutiny inside the Iranian Army. We are seeking to make all the Iranian Armed Forces join our command in order to overthrow Khomeyni and for this reason we cooperate with the opposition movements, be it the Mojahedin, or Shapur Bakhtiar's movement, or the National Front, or Dr Amini or the shah. Our aim is to save Iran with force of arms because there is no other solution.

AD-DUSTUR: But the Iranian Army is now at war with the Iranian Kurds and on the battlefront with Iraq. What solution do you propose to the two problems?

The general: With regard to the Kurds, they are Iranians like all other Iranians. It is Khomeyni's regime which is dropping bombs on Kurdish villages, killing women and evicting the inhabitants from their areas. We have good relations with the Muslim Kurds.

With regard to the war with Iraq, General Aryana, who was in disagreement with the shah over relations with Iraq in particular, considers the Iraqis our brothers if we can reach an agreement with them. We are not for war but for peace and negotiation with Iraq.

AD-DUSTUR: Do you have relations with the shah's family?

The general: As I said a little while ago, we cooperate with all those who oppose Khomeyni's bloody regime. We do not want to take the people's place, for the people will decide their fate. Nor do we want to impose anything, since through elections the people can choose between a monarchist regime and a republican regime.

AFP: GENERAL TO BE TRIED FOR ESCAPE ATTEMPT

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[Text] Tehran, 21 Aug (AFP)--General Amir Bahman Bagheri, put in command of the Iranian Air Force by ousted President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, will stand trial soon for attempting to flee Iran, an armed forces tribunal said today.

ETTELA'AT newspaper quoted the court as saying that Mr Bani-Sadr, who was granted political asylum in France late last month, had earlier attempted to prevent General Bagheri from facing trial. But the report said that the case had also been delayed as two accomplices of the air force general, including a retired senior officer, were still at large.

A court official said that another rnaking air force officer was arrested recently in a raid on a hide-out of the dissident People's Mojahedin, while a third air force man was suspected of links with the leftist group.

MATERIALS CONCERNING INTERNAL OPPOSITION

Discoveries in Tehran

LD211148 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 21 Aug 81

[Text] According to a Central News Unit report, the Public Relations Office of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps today has issued the following communique in connection with yesterday's clash in the western part of Tehran and the discovery of several safe houses:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Following the discovery of one of the command and coordination centers of the hypocrites organization [Mojahedin-e Khalq], which took place yesterday morning with the cooperation of people who are always on the scene and during which a number of hypocrites were arrested or killed with the vigilance and the cooperation of the committee and the corps forces, six other safe houses belonging to Peykar and hypocrites groups were identified. With the cooperation of the inhabitants, more than 10 of these houses' residents were arrested and weapons, ammunition and documents were seized.

Long live the active and vigilant presence of the revolutionary Muslims on all the fronts in the fight between truth and falsehood.

6 Arrested in Zanjan

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[Text] According to the Central News Unit, following the martyrdom of two of our brothers from Zanjan--named (Hasan Shekarchi), a police officer, and (Ruhollah Karimi), a member of the mobilization unit--and wounding of another brother by U.S. mercenaries, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps of Zanjan succeeded in discovering a team house, with the cooperation of the committed people of this city and through information they obtained.

In this house they seized 10 sidearms, a large number of cartridges, 1 tear gas canister, 2 T-junctions and about 20 other T-junctions which were ready to be thrown, plus several Molotov cocktails and a large amount of recording tapes. Several statements of the fugitive counterrevoluntionaries [words indistinct].

The Public Relations Office of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps of Zanjan issued a statement thanking the people for identifying and arresting the counterrevolutionaries who are affilated with the United States. The statment added: In this connection six members of the above-named team house were arrested, one of whom was involved in the assassination of our brothers. The arrested individuals are being questioned.

Tehran House Raided

LD221018 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 22 Aug 81

[Communique issued by the Public Relations Office of the Central Islamic Revolution Committee]

[Text] In His exalted name. "It is the people's religious and divine duty throughout the country to control suspicious movements and to report them." Imam Khomeyni.

With the help of the 36-million-strong intelligence organization and brothers from the mobilization and the revolution committee of District No 2 in Tehran, Mohammad Reza Sepasi-Moqaddam, a member of the U.S. hypocrites minigroup [Mojahedin-e Khalq] was arrested on 18 August. A large number of rough drawings of the floor plans of houses belonging to brother guards, and clergymen and floor plans of the building of the Oppressed Foundation were found. All of these places were to be attacked by heavy weapons. After interrogation, the accused identified his safehouse on Iranshahr Street in Tehran, and at 1300 yesterday brother guards from the Central Islamic Revolution Committee surrounded the house. In the course of this clash, the counterrevolutionaries staged an armed resistance. Two people who fled to a nearby building during the clash killed themselves with a combat grenade.

A large number of G-3 weapons, grenades, detonators for explosives, bullets, magazines and some literature belonging to the hypocrites organization were seized from the safehouse.

During these operations, Brother Seyyed Mohammad Reza Musavi, a guard from the Central Islamic Revolution Committee achieved the lofty honor of martyrdom.

4 'Hypocrites' Arrested

LD221023 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0820 GMT 22 Aug 81

[Text] At 0130 on 17 August, members of the hypocrites organization [Mojahedin-e Khalq] threw approximately five homemade grenades at the Imam Hasan Mojtaba Mosque, the headquarters of the mobilization unit of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps of Tehran's Distict No 8, which resulted in broken window panes in the mosque. The vigilant mobilization personnel stationed in the mosque clashed with the terrorist hypocrites and arrested four of them. After interrogation, weapons, explosives and literature on meetings belonging to the hypocrites were seized.

During the above-mentioned clash, (Hoseyn Tehrani), operation commander of the hypocrites organization in the city of Rey, was arrested. Fortunately, our mobilization brothers were not harmed in the clash.

Guards, 'Hypocrites' Clash

LD221243 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 22 Aug 81

[Statement issued by the Public Relations Office of the Central Islamic Revolution Committee]

[Text] In His exalted name. Following reports received through the 36-million-strong information system, one team house belonging to the hypocrites [Mojahedin-e Khalq] in Dowlatabad was identified and at 1100 last Friday night the guards of the Islamic Revolution Committee surrounded the above-named house and asked its residents to surrender. In reply, the hypocrites began firing and paid no attention to the brother guards' warning. As a result, the guards took the necessary action. After a clash lasting 1 hour them occupied the house. Two hypocrites were killed and seven others were captured during the clash. Inside this house, one G-3 gun, one Kalashnikov, two 45-calibre Colts, fi handgrenades, two gun-mounted grenades, several cartridges for the Colt, G-3 and th Kalashnikov and a large amount of the hypocrites' circulars were seized.

One of the committee brothers, (Ahmad Nazari), gained the exalted status of martyrdom. May his soul be happy and may many more follow his path.

Arrests Near Lahijan

LD221159 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 22 Aug 81

[Text] Quoting the Public Relations Office of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps in Astaneh-ye Ashrafiyeh, the Central News Unit reports that two active devotees of the hypocrites organization [Mojahedin-e Khalq], Esma'il Hashemi from Lahijan and Bahman Haqiqat-Talab from the village of (Rudkoshteh) near Lahijan, were arrested. They had been on the wanted list for some time. After the initial interrogation and completion of their files, the two men were handed over to the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps in Lahijan.

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps in Astaneh-ye Ashrafiyeh also announced that during the past 2 months more than 20 misled members of the U.S. hypocrites minigroup have presented themselves to the guard corps' resistance nucleus in the nearby village of (Dehshal). Condeming the hyprocrites' terrorist stance and expressing regret for their past deeds, they returned to the open arms of Islam.

Arrests in Tabriz

LD221108 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 22 Aug 81

[Text] The Central News Unit, quoting the head of the Islamic Revolution Court in Tabriz, has reported the following: In the past 2 days, four safehouses of the hypocrites organization [Mojahedin-e Khalq] have been discovered in this city. In 1 of the houses, 4 G-3 rifles and their magazines, 1 Xerox machine, some typing equipment, several Uzi weapons, 1 IBM [presumably computer] system, 779 Uzi cartridges, 1 revolver, 2 electric staplers, 15 cardboard boxes of paper, 5,000 copies of the hypocrites' newspaper and 2 40-caliber weapons were seized.

According to the report, of 11 people arrested in these houses, 4 are girls.

Arrests in Khuzestan

GF221939 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 22 Aug 81

[Text] The Central News Unit of Ahvaz, quoting the Public Relations Office of the Khuzestan Islamic Revolution Committee, has reported that during the past few days the brother guards of the Khuzestan Islamic Revolution Committee have discovered five to six team houses belonging to the hypocrites organization [Mojahedin-e Khalq]. A large number of pamphlets, posters and documents, together with one video set, which was connected to a closed-circuit television, and several other such articles have been seized. In this connection, five members of the hypocrites organization have been arrested, one of whom is an active member of the said organization in Khuzestan. These persons, together with the seized articles, have been handed over to the Islamic Revolution Court in Ahvaz.

IRP Official Escapes Death

GF221645 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1430 GMT 22 Aug 81

[Text] Mr Mohammad 'Ali Banizadeh, the director of the Islamic Republican Party of Gach Saran, has safely escaped an assassination attempt carried out by U.S. minigroups. According to our correspondent, the attempt took place at 2000 on Thursday. Mr Mohammad 'Ali Banizadeh was wounded in the shoulder and [word indistinct] by the enemies' bullets and was admitted to a Shiraz hospital, where he underwent treatment.

Arrests in Dorud

LD231154 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 23 Aug 81

[Text] PARS reports that two members of the hypocrites organization [Mojahedin-e Khalq] were arrested by revolution guards in Dorud. Two explosive devices and some documents were seized from those arrested.

Arrest in Masjed-e Soleyman

GF231415 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 23 Aug 81

[Text] The Masjed-e Soleyman Revolution Guards Corps Public Relations Office has announced that an active member of the minority group of the Feda'iyan-e Khalq has been arrested by brothers of the resistance corps of the mobilization division of this city's revolution guards. A handgrenade, 24 rounds of Kalashnikov ammunition, 20 G-3 rounds, a camera and printing materials were seized.

Judge's Aide Killed

LD231803 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 23 Aug 81

[Text] According to the Central News Unit, Astara's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps has announced that Yusuf Marhaba, representative of the Astara religious judge, was assassinated at noon today.

According to this report, the assassin is currently at large and is being pursued.

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps of Astara has invited all the Muslim citizens of Astara to attend the funeral of the late Marhaba, which will take place at 0900 tomorrow from the city's Joma' Mosque.

Discoveries in Shiraz

LD231812 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 23 Aug 81

[Text] The Central News Unit reports that the Public Relations Office of the Shiraz Islamic Revolution Guards corps has announced that over the past few days, with the cooperation of the 36-million-strong intelligence organization and a [word indistinct] operational plan, brother guards have uncovered 12 communal houses belonging to the hyprocrites organization [Mojahedin-e Khalq] and arrested 20 of their active members. In this operation, large quantities of arms, time bombs, American and Israeli-made grenades, sonic bombs [as heard] and serahi [homemade grenades] were seized, as well as large quantities of incendiary devices and several assassination and sabotage plots.

In this operation, two of the hypocrites were wounded as they tried to escape.

460 Arrested in Tabriz

LD231806 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 23 Aug 81

[Text] The Central News Unit reports that 20 team houses belonging to counterrevolutionary minigroups have been discovered in Tabriz in the past few days and that 460 people have been arrested. Hojjat ol-Eslam Musavi-Tabrizi, president of the Tabriz Islamic Revolution Court, said in a radio, television and press interview tonight: Ten team houses and three [ammunition] dumps uncovered in Tabriz belong to the hypocrites [Mojahedin] minigroup' 20 firearms of various types--including G-3's, Uzis, and Colts--8 grenades, 1,000 rounds of ammunition and large quantities of incendiary and explosive materials and printing, duplicating and typing equipment have been seized from these houses.

He said: In connection with these team houses and the plot to assassinate the president of the Tabriz Islamic Revolution Court and several other East Azarbayjan figures, and in connection with attacks on the [Islamic Revolution] Committees and Revolutionary institutions, 250 of the supporters and active and well-known members of the hypocrites organization have been arrested.

He addeed: Over the past few days 50 of the Feda'iyan-e Khalq, Ashraf Dehqan branch, 60 of the Peykaris, 20 of the Rah-e Kargar [Marxist group], 15 members of the Khalq-e Mosalman [party supporting Shari'atmadari], 30 members of the Komeleh Party, 20 members of the defunct Kurdish Democratic Party and 10 members of the union of communists have been arrested. Ten team houses have also been discovered and a number of firearms and quantities of incendiary and explosive materials and printing and duplicating equipment have been seized.

He added: Thus, the most important and well-known and active members of the minigroups in Tabriz, Ardabil, Sarab and Urumiyeh have been arrested and most of their team houses discovered. In conclusion, he warned capitalists and those who give sancturary to the minigroups by putting houses at their disposal that these houses will be confiscated in favor of the poor and that their owners will be tried and executed as wagers of war against God and rebels against Islam.

NVOI CONDEMNS U.S. DOWNING OF LIBYAN PLANES

TA212017 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1730 GMT 21 Aug 81

[Unattributed Commentary: "We Condemn the U.S. Aggression Against Libya"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: As you are aware, eight U.S. fighter aircraft attacked two Libyan planes that were on a reconnaissance flight over Libya's territorial waters, thus violating Libya's airspace. According to the Libyan Armed Forces spokesman, the Americans are continuing their conspiratorial aggressions against the people of Libya and its revolution.

The violation of Libya's airspace by U.S. fighter planes once again demonstrates that world-devouring U.S. imperialism not only does not respect any international laws and norms, but has transformed the policy of international aggression and terrorism into the normal policy of its government.

The aggression by U.S. fighter planes against Libyan planes, particularly over Libya's territorial waters and thousands of miles away from the United States' own borders, should be a serious warning to all nations who do not want to surrender to imperialism, who have broken the chain of captivity from dependence on imperialism and who have taken their freedom and independence into their own hands. On the other hand, this impudent and shameless aggression of the U.S. imperialists is indicative of the fact that liberated nations should take the vital matter of preserving peace and security and of safeguarding their independence, freedom and territorial integrity against the plots and the aggressions of the imperialists, led by U.S. imperialism, into their own hands, and should prepare and ready themselves to confront any plot and aggression by the imperialists.

The impudent and piratic aggression of the U.S. planes against Libya--according to the acknowledgement of U.S. officials themselves, including the U.S. secretary of defense--was carried out with the knowledge and confirmation of U.S. President Reagan personally.

The widespread wave of protests against this plot and aggression of the U.S. Government has engulfed the entire world. Particularly, liberated countries have expressed and are expressing their protests in various forms. Some 160 deputies of our Islamic Consultative Assembly in a letter addressed to Mr al-Qadhdhafi, the leader of Libya, protested the aggression by U.S. planes carried out in the usual and natural manner of the imperialists and over Libya's territorial waters, and condemned this antihuman aggression. Yes, the Iranian people strongly condemn this piratic aggression by U.S. imperialism against Libya and regard this antihuman aggression as an aggression against themselves. One should not expect anything else from world-devouring U.S. imperialism--this steadfast and sworn enemy of the Iranian nation--other than aggression against others and endeavors to make nations captive and dependent.

Aggression and hegemonism is in the nature of imperialism in general and rabid U.S. imperialism in particular. Imperialism cannot continue its shameful existence without hegemonism and aggression. How well the deputies of the Islamic Consultative Assembly expressed it: There are two ways to deal with imperialism: One is complete surrender and dependence and the other is to battle and confront imperialism. There is no third way.

The liberated nations, including the struggling and proud Iranian nation, have chosen the second way: struggle and confrontation against imperialism, foremost of all against U.S. imperialism. In the 2 and 1/2 years following the victory of our nation's glorious revolution we have had a history of combat, confrontation and battle against U.S. imperialism. In this battle of right against wrong and against the great Satan, our homeland's people are conquering the positions of U.S. imperialism one after the other, and each day deliver more fatal blows to U.S. imperialism.

U.S. imperialism--the great Satan--is the bloody and treacherous enemy of all nations, including our own. It is not without reason that the slogan "Death to U.S. Imperialism" was and continues to be the current slogan of the Iranian revolution.

The piratic aggression of the U.S. fighter planes against Libya is indicative of the fact that imperialism does not recognize any limits and boundaries in its hegemonism. It will not desist from any plot and aggression whether in Iran, Libya, or any other part of the world where its evil and plundering interests are exposed to danger. It is ready to engulf the whole world in flames for the sake of its evil interests.

It is incumbent upon the nations of the world, especially liberated nations, including our homeland's free people, to raise higher the banner of struggle against imperialism, led by U.S. imperialism, and to continue the struggle against U.S. imperialism--this bloody enemy of the freedom and independence of nations--with ferocity and intensity.

SRI LANKA

GOVERNMENT INVOKES CENSORSHIP TO EASE TENSION

BK211605 Colombo Domestic Service in English 1545 GMT 21 Aug 81

[Text] A press censorship was imposed by the government a short while ago to help ease the current situation. A government spokesman added at the same time that conditions were fast returning to normal.

PREMADASA SPEAKS TO PARLIAMENT ON TAMIL ISSUE

BK221244 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 22 Aug 81

[Text] The Sri Lanka High Commission Office in central London was set on fire yesterday and, according to the prime minister, considerable damage was caused to the building before the watcher on duty summoned the fire brigade. A dispatch from London quoted police as saying that a container full of inflammable liquid had been set ablaze outside the chancery.

Prime Minister Premadasa told Parliament that this and other incidents pointed to the involvement of external forces in the recent communal disturbances in Sri Lanka. He said that is why the government had appointed a special investigating team to point up all aspects of the disturbances.

The prime minister also said that the emergency was declared last Monday when the government felt the law and order situation could not be maintained by police alone. It was a difficult decision to make, giving extraordinary powers to the armed forces and the police, but there was no alternative. The police and the armed forces were extremely hard working sections. They were often overtaxed in their duties. He congratulated them for restoring law and order within a very short period.

Premadasa said over 90 percent of the people in the country were peace-loving and law abiding. Only a handful were responsible for creating trouble. It was not the work of the looters of shops alone; it was the work of political looters too. The prime minister asked the Tamil United Liberation Front to drop its eelam [state] cry and join hands with the government to develop the country.

PRIME MINISTER MEETS WITH FRG ECONOMICS MINISTER

BK211134 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 21 Aug 81

[Excerpt] West German Minister of Economics Otto Graf Lambsdorff, now on a visit to Sri Lanka, called on Prime Minister Premadasa in Colombo yesterday. During talks, the prime minister sought the support of the West German Government toward the implementation of a proposal made by him to the 35th General Assembly session of the United Nations last year for the declaration of an International Year of Shelter for the Homeless.